

Central African Republic (CAR) – UPDATE ON THE SUDAN SITUATION

18 –24 January 2024



A new water point has been built in Korsi, increasing the supply of water to families. © UNHCR/ Bobo Kitoko

Overview of the situation

Ongoing clashes between the Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF) and Rapid Support Forces (RSF) have continued since the outbreak of conflict in April 2023.

On 20 January, Sudan [suspended its membership](#) in the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) regional bloc following the participation of the RSF Commander Mohamed Hamda Daglo (“Hemedti”) in the 42nd Extraordinary Assembly of the IGAD Heads of State and Government held on 18 January and its [communique](#) that called for a meeting between the two warring sides.

Situation and Operational Response

Highlights

- Through the Commission Nationale pour les Réfugiés (CNR) negotiations, the local authorities granted 50 hectares of additional land through a municipal decree, thereby increasing the capacity of Korsi to accommodate a maximum of 10,000 refugees.

Population Movement and Registration

Korsi hosts 6,379 Sudanese refugees (3,132 households), the majority being women and children. An average of 176 refugees are received at Korsi daily. In addition to residing in Korsi, refugees also live in small villages situated in various prefectures, except Vakaga. With an anticipated daily average of 176 arrivals, the population of Korsi is projected to reach 10,000 by February, 15,000 by March, and 30,000 by June. Using biometrics, CNR and UNHCR have registered 12,124 Sudanese individuals (4,098 households).

Protection

By constructing five hangars, UNHCR enhanced the capacity of the Transit and Registration Centre. These structures will enhance the efficacy of the registration process and improve reception conditions. Protection programmes targeting persons with specific needs, GBV prevention and response, and general case management continue to serve refugees.

Shelter and Core Relief Items (CRIs)

54 shelters were constructed and allocated to refugee families (cumulative 391 families since 1 January). UNHCR and its partners distributed CRI kits to 217 households with a total of 479 individuals (cumulatively, 576 households and 1,218 individuals since 1 January). The CRIs include mats, blankets, mosquito nets, kitchen and soap kits, and solar lamps.

Health and Nutrition

UNHCR's partner NOURRIR distributed six times more hot meals compared to the beginning of January. The total number of meals served during the reporting week is 26,458 hot meals. WFP arranged for four trucks of dry food to arrive in Korsi to commence the monthly distribution at the location. The nutrition team enrolled 14 new people (cumulative 36 since 1 January) in the malnutrition treatment programme. The NOURRIR and IMC medical team working at the health centers in Korsi provided 668 medical consultations (1,773 since 1 January), of which 92% were for refugees and 8% for the host community. Children younger than five who sought medical consultations comprised 228 patients, or 34%, (705 since 1 January). The obstetrics and gynecology team provided 39 consultations (cumulative 89 since 1 January), including 22 antenatal consultations (cumulative 24 since 1 January) and 24 gynecological consultations (cumulative 38 since 1 January), as well as four deliveries (cumulative 05 since 1 January).

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)

NOURRIR constructed 17 emergency latrines (cumulative 60 since 1 January) and 17 emergency showers (cumulative 60 since 1 January). UNHCR and its partners have been working to improve Korsi's water supply. A new 30kVA generator was installed in Korsi to increase the water pumping capacity from 60 m³ to 80 m³ per day, improving the ratio from 10.8 liters of water per day to 12.5 liters of water per day per person, which is still below the emergency standard of 15 liters. By installing a solar pump with a capacity of 7 m³/hour in a secondary borehole, water availability was increased and congestion around the primary borehole was reduced. NOURRIR conducted awareness-raising activities on hygiene and sanitation promotion in six blocks of Korsi, benefiting 603 refugees. Since 1 January, 1,418 refugees have been reached through hygiene promotion and sanitation awareness campaigns.

Refugee Response Plan (RRP) – May-December 2023

On 4 September, UNHCR and 64 partner organisations published a revised inter-agency [Sudan Emergency Regional Refugee Response Plan – May to December 2023](#), which is appealing for **USD 42,649,652 for the Central African Republic** to provide essential aid and protection to 26,000 people expected to arrive

in the country by the end of 2023, fleeing ongoing conflict in Sudan. As of 1st January 2024, total funding of over USD 16 million has been recorded or **39%** of the funding requirements ([Refugee Funding Tracker](#)).

Resources

- UNHCR's [Operational Data Portal \(ODP\) for the Sudan Situation](#) provides daily updates on the refugee and returnee arrivals in Sudan's neighbouring countries.
- [UNHCR Global Focus Sudan Operation page](#)
- [UNHCR Sudan Emergency website](#)

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